

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, and 8-64 are pending in this application. Claims 39, 43, 48, 52, 58, and 62 were previously allowed. Claim 7 has been cancelled. Claims 1, 8-10, 36-38, 40-42 and 64 have been amended to recite “wherein the wax-modified polymer comprises a wax and a polymer, wherein the wax is covalently bonded to the polymer.” Support for the amendment can be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 6, line 29, and page 12, line 12, and original claim 7.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action has rejected claims 1, 3-6, and 8-64 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,514,302 to Brown in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0100465 to Kilkenny *et al.* and U.S. Patent No. 6,833,342 to Woo *et al.* under 35 U.S.C. § 103. The Office Action asserts that it would have been *prima facie* obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the cleaning compositions of Brown with the polymers of Dahanayake *et al.* and the zeolites of Carter *et al.*

However, the Office Action states that claim 7 contains allowable subject matter. Therefore, independent claims 1, 36-38, 40-42 and 64 have been amended to recite allowable subject matter from original claim 7. In particular, amended claims 1, 36-38, 40-42 and 64 specifically recite “wherein the wax-modified polymer comprises a wax and a polymer, wherein the wax is covalently bonded to the polymer.” In view of the amendments, applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance.

CONCLUSION

Pursuant to the above remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending application is believed to be warranted. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to directly contact the undersigned if such contact may enhance the efficient prosecution of this application to issue.

The fee of \$180.00 has been filed electronically. No further fee is believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1513.

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